

# Best Management Practice Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team

## How did the Ad-Hoc Action Team come about?

- The Bay watershed jurisdictions raised several questions and concerns related to BMP verification implementation and reporting (e.g. credit duration and BMP lifespan).
- These questions were highlighted by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) in a letter to the Management Board in **September 2019**.
- **In January 2020**, the Management Board charged the WQGIT with convening an ad-hoc action team to address concerns with the Partnership's verification efforts.

## Which topics will the Ad-Hoc Action Team explore?

1. Explore alternatives to BMP re-verification.
2. Revisit credit duration.
3. Explore lesser-used approaches to BMP verification.
4. Review recommendations from ongoing BMP verification work, which is being undertaken by the Chesapeake Bay Program.

## What are the goals of the Ad-Hoc Action Team?

The Ad-Hoc Team will produce recommendations for and options to the WQGIT and CBP Partnership to ensure that the BMP verification process is transparent, evidence-based, and incorporates a life cycle approach.

## Will changes be made to the 2014 Basin-wide BMP Verification Framework Document?

Any recommended changes to the CBP partnership's 2014 Basin wide BMP Verification Framework document will follow the partnership's review and approval procedures that are outlined in that Framework document.

## What is the timeline for the Ad-Hoc Action Team?

Two Years.

## How often will the Team meet?

Once a month.

## Who makes up the BMP Ad-Hoc Verification Team?

The ad-hoc BMP verification action team will represent the WQGIT signatory representatives, WQGIT at-large members, source sector workgroups, advisory committees, and include national experts on verification.

All entities listed above may, but are not required to, have an active voting member who represents them as part of this team.

It is critical that the WQGIT approves the action team's charge, timeline, and deliverables.

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